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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO
FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Lugo;

This correspondence is being filed to supplement a response to a First and Non-final Office Action mailed July 25, 2002.

AMENDMENTS (Clean Version)**In the Claims:**

Please add Claim 16:

16. The method of Claim 15, further comprising the step of inserting a hitch ball into said cavity prior to placing the lock plate in the closed position.

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9, 10, 11 and 15 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner add Claim 16 to the pending application.